

RAILROADS APPEAL FOR INCREASE IN FREIGHT RATES

Business Depression and European War Lead to Shrinkage in Revenues.

ADVANCE OF 5 PER CENT IS REQUESTED OF I. C. C. President Willard, of the B. & O., Is Principal Witness.

SAYS SITUATION IS CRITICAL Clifford Thorne, Representing Many Interests, Appears in Opposition.

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BRANDISE ASSAILS WILLARD'S POSITION Louis Brandise, counsel for the commission, assailed Mr. Willard's position in cross-examination.

Mr. Willard said the dividend had been maintained at 6 per cent this year at his recommendation. He declared he believed it justified by the fact that the road had \$22,000,000 in surplus.

NOTHING NEW SINCE C. C.'S RECENT RULING Mr. Brandise assailed the statement of the railroads that disclosed so far nothing original since the commission's recent ruling rejecting the Eastern lines' previous plea for a 5 per cent advance in rates.

"Do you know of any companies—railroads or other corporations—that have been able to market their securities at a better rate than the Baltimore and Ohio?" inquired Mr. Thorne. "Personally, I do not," replied Mr. Willard.

INCREASE IN LABOR COST SINCE 1912 "Can you mention any increase in labor cost since 1912?" pursued Mr. Thorne.

"Yes," said Mr. Willard, "we have advanced our laborers engaged on maintenance work in the aggregate between \$300,000 and \$700,000 a year."

"Both, in a measure," said Mr. Willard. "The Baltimore and Ohio is well worth its outstanding obligations and much more, but our returns have been small."

ROADS SEEKING PLAT 5 PER CENT INCREASE The roads are seeking a flat increase of 5 per cent in freight rates through out the territory east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio and Potomac Rivers.

Ostend Reported in Hands of Allies

LONDON, October 20 (2:46 A. M.).—The Morning Post correspondent in the north of France says he learns on excellent authority that the allies have recaptured Ostend.

JOHNSON IS EXONERATED

Field Blameless for Collision Which Sunk Steamer Monroe.

NORFOLK, VA., October 19.—Captain E. E. Johnson, master of the Old Dominion steamer Monroe, whose vessel was rammed and sunk by the Merchants' and Miners' Transportation Company's steamer Nantuxet on the morning of January 20, with the loss of only one life, was exonerated of all blame for the collision in a decision rendered to-day by Colonel John W. Oast, United States supervising steamship inspector for the third district, with headquarters in Norfolk.

Colonel Oast heard the case on an appeal taken by Captain Johnson from the decision of Local Inspectors Charles W. Wright and E. F. White, of Baltimore, rendered on August 19, in which they found him guilty on charges of negligence in navigating the steamer, preferred against him by Captain Osmyn Berry, master of the Nantuxet, and recommended the revocation of his license.

TRANSPORTS WELL GUARDED

Canada's Troops Carried to England in Thirty-Two Ships.

NEW YORK, October 19.—Canada's troops were carried to England by a line of grey transports, led by a pilot boat and two British cruisers, and flanked by an armada of battleships, according to a telegram received here, which arrived on the steamer to-day. The fleet and its convoys were glimpsed 350 miles from the mouth of the Thames on October 10.

All the thirty-two transports were converted passenger liners or merchantmen. The Lapland and the Zealand were in the fleet, but all the names had been painted over, so the officers were uncertain about the others.

CAPT. ROBT. E. LEE DYING

Son of Famous Southern Commander Mortally Ill at Upperville.

WASHINGTON, October 19.—Captain Robert E. Lee, son of General Robert E. Lee, is dying at the home of H. Hunter Dulaney, at Upperville, H. Hunter Dulaney, brother-in-law of Captain Lee, received a telegram this afternoon, stating that Captain Lee was in a dying condition. Mr. Dulaney and Colonel Robert E. Lee, Jr., whose home is at Ravensworth, Fairfax County, are said to be bedside of the distinguished Virginian.

WILSON NOT CONSULTED

President Has No Part in Stone's Advice to Foreign Nations.

WASHINGTON, October 18.—President Wilson said to-day that Chairman Stone of the Foreign Relations Committee had not consulted him before making his speech last week, advising foreign nations to carefully regard the neutrality of the United States for and that the question of armaments had not been discussed by administrative officials. No policy could be discussed, he added, because none had been formulated.

AUSTRIAN SUBMARINE SUNK

Well Directed French Shot Sinks Yessel to Bottom.

CETTINJE, MONTENEGRO, October 19 (via London).—An Austrian submarine was sunk in the Adriatic to-day by a French cruiser.

THEATRE SEATS REDUCED

One Effect of War Financial Strain in Washington.

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Defendant Accused of Making Fraudulent Use of Mail.

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BRITISH WARSHIPS EFFECTIVELY AID LAND FORCES IN RESISTING GERMAN ATTACKS ON SEA COAST; BELGIANS DOGGEDLY MAIN TAIN THEIR POSITION, HURLING ENEMY BACK WITH VERY HEAVY LOSSES



Belgians on the Bank of the Nethe as Germans Burning Buildings. Belgian marksmen with their long-hored rifles, capable of carrying a long distance, lying in ambush on the bank of the Nethe, ready to pick off the Germans on the opposite side. Note the burning of the buildings on the side of the river occupied by the Germans, who have set them on fire.

MANAGER OF BIJOU IS PLACED UNDER ARREST

Chief of Police Charges Production of Immoral Performance at Burlesque House.

HAD NOT BEEN CENSORED Manager Briggs, After Securing Bail, Says He Had Not Seen Show Before and Did Not Know of Objectionable Features.

Manager Charles Briggs, of the Bijou Theatre, was arrested last night just after the close of the night performance on the charge of permitting the production of an improper play at the Bijou. The warrant was sworn out by Chief of Police Warner after witnesses giving the night's burlesque performance. The warrant charges Briggs with "procuring certain persons to produce and exhibit a certain play called 'The Mischief Makers' before and in the presence of divers persons and in which play there were certain actions, words and indecent suggestions manifestly tending to corrupt the morals of all who heard or witnessed the same."

WELNER SAYS HE NEVER SAW MOST VULGAR HE EVER SAW

The arrest was not made until after the opening performance of the week's engagement had been completed. Major Welner said that the show was the most vulgar which he had ever witnessed, and Captain Sewell was of the same opinion. Manager Briggs told the police that he had received no advance notices as to the performance, and that he did not know the kind of performance which was scheduled to take place. He said that he saw the objectionable features and had already made notes, previous to his arrest, as to certain of the acts which would have to be eliminated before a second performance could be given.

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BREADMAKERS ASSEMBLE FOR ANNUAL CONVENTION

Representatives of Every Section Here to Discuss Problems of Trade.

AT JEFFERSON HOTEL Convention registration headquarters were opened yesterday morning at the Jefferson Hotel, and those in charge spent a busy day registering the hundreds of delegates and visitors as they arrived. The registration office for men is in the main lobby, near the Main Street entrance, while women attending the convention are being registered in the lobby near the Franklin Street entrance. Souvenirs and badges are being given to all who register.

ATTACKS REPULSED

WIFE HEAVY LOSSES The German official report covers these operations more tersely. It says the attacks were repulsed with heavy losses to the allies.

IN HABITANTS FLEE FROM TOWNS IN TERROR

German official reports say the exodus from Ostend is being repeated in the flight of inhabitants from Dunkirk and Boulogne. Confirmation of this assertion has not been received here, but it is wholly possible the proximity of the Germans has created a panic at those ports.

IN WASHINGTON TO-DAY

Conference to Determine When to Open Federal Reserve Banks.

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ALLIES MAKE PROGRESS ON BOTH ENDS OF LINE

Attempted Advance of German Forces Along Coast Reaches Critical Point.

Appears Inevitable That Soon There Must Be Some Decisive Result. Inhabitants of Dunkirk and Boulogne Fleeing in Terror.

ONLY 42 TALESMEN EXAMINED

Accused Woman Takes Active Part in Selection of Men Who Will Decide Her Fate.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] MINNEOLA, L. I., October 19.—The twelve jurors who are to decide whether or not Mrs. Florence Conklin Carman murdered Mrs. Louise Duryea Bailey, on the night of June 10 in Freeport, were chosen to-day in the Nassau County Supreme Court here. They were chosen rapidly—a typical suburban jury of business men and farmers. Only forty-two talesmen were examined.

MRS. CARMAN COOL AS TRIAL BEGINS

Typical Suburban Jury of Business Men and Farmers Quickly Chosen.

It is a stolid, unimpressive jury, the kind which might be expected to do a lot of arguing and then disagree. For the State, District Attorney Lavinia J. Smith asked each talesman whether he would convict a person of first degree murder on evidence which was only circumstantial. He asked it in four or five different ways, so that the prospective juror might not misunderstand.

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